



PORTLAND RACES

Wheeler elected to 2nd term as mayor

Incumbent Mayor Ted Wheeler beat back challenger Sarah Iannarone on Tuesday night. Wheeler, 58, will become the first person since Vera Katz to serve more than one term as mayor of Oregon’s largest city.

In the Commissioner Position 4 race, political newcomer Mingus Mapps unseated incumbent Chloe Eudaly. With his addition, this will be the most racially diverse City Council in Portland history.

Ballot measures: The \$7 billion Metro transportation package was defeated across the three-county region. Portland Public Schools voters approved a \$1.2 billion effort that will pay for extensive renovations to Jefferson High School and millions in updates to technology and curriculum. And statewide, Oregon made history by becoming the first state to decriminalize small amounts of street drugs.

National races: Former Vice President Joe Biden easily won the popular vote in Oregon on Tuesday, as the state’s voters repudiated President Donald Trump by an even larger margin than during his first run in 2016. In partial early returns, Biden had captured 58% of the vote to Trump’s 39%. Incumbent representatives mostly sailed to reelection, while Rep. Peter DeFazio held off competitive challenger Alek Skarlatos. In the 2nd Congressional District, former state Rep. Cliff Bentz won the seat vacated by a retiring Rep. Greg Walden.

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Too close.

In a historic election that saw record turnout despite the country being in the grips of a pandemic, by late Tuesday’s press time it wasn’t clear who will serve as president of the United States for the next four years. Election officials warn millions of absentee ballots could slow tallies — perhaps for days — in some key battleground states, which will decide whether Republicans Donald Trump and Mike Pence will keep the White House or Democrats Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will move in on Jan. 20. **Page A14**



Above, people line up to vote in Charleston, South Carolina. After a record-breaking early voting turnout, Americans headed to the polls on the last day to cast their vote for incumbent President Donald Trump or Democratic challenger Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election. *Michael Ciaglo, Getty Images*

At left, Election Day ushered in relatively minor demonstrations in Portland and other places along the West Coast, but none of the widespread unrest that some had feared in the hours after the polls began closing around the country. *Marcio Jose Sanchez, AP*

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